

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Congressman Tim Ryan (D-Niles) announced today that he secured a \$1 million federal earmark in a Defense spending bill for Youngstown State University. The money will help expand Youngstown State University's CyberEnabled Industrial Innovation Center (CEIIC).

The program, which is administered by YSU's Chemistry Department, allows off-campus research and academic institutions to remotely access certain YSU research and testing equipment via the Internet. Expanding the YSU CEIIC program will allow the already successful academic research program to begin providing direct services to industry.

**"I believe very strongly that the success of the Mahoning Valley will be determined by how much of our attention and resources we devote towards innovation and education in our area," said Congressman Ryan. "The development of this state-of-the-art technology right here in Youngstown is a good example of the creativity and hard work that will be required to position our region for success in a knowledge-based economy. I'm very proud to have been able to help YSU fund this technology."**

The Defense Department Appropriations bill passed the House Tuesday night and now awaits action by the Senate.